UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Art Unit: 1636 In Re Application of: UEMURA et al. Examiner: D. M. Sullivan Application No.: 09/856,319 Conf. No. 6685 Filed: May 21, 2001 Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: UEMURA=5

OR

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Date: March 30, 2004

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE BSP5

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [X] Amendment [] _ in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below: ()

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	
TOTAL	* 1	MINUS	** 34	0	
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	*** 12	0	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

	SMALL ENTITY			
	RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
]	х	9	\$	
7	х	43	\$	
	+	145	\$	
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		FEE TOTAL	\$	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Х	18	\$
х	86	\$
+	290	\$
	TOTAL	\$

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Other Than Small Entity Small Entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within - \$ 110.00 First [] First - \$ 55.00 \$ 420.00 \$ 210.00 Second -Second \$ 950.00 \$ 475.00 Third [] Third 1 Fourth \$ 740.00 Fourth - \$ 1480.00 [] 1 Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set [] Less fees (\$_ __) already paid for ____ month(s) extension of time on _ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$__ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$_. is attached (check no.). 1 A check in the amount of \$ The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.